

REMARKS

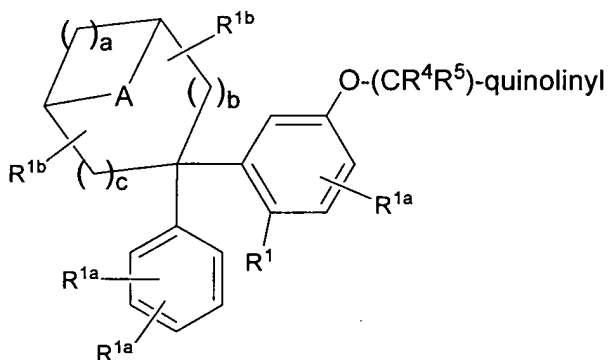
Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 20-24, 26, 28, 32 and 34-36 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 4 and 21 have been amended.

Restriction/Election

Applicants are pleased to note that the examiner agrees with applicants' election of Group XI; however, applicants traverse the examiner's position to exclude heteroaryl/heterocyclic groups from all variables other than Y. The examiner provides no explanation why heteroaryl/heterocyclic groups are excluded other than stating that they were excluded in the Groups originally proposed in the lack of unity requirement. However, as applicants has not elected any of the examiner-proposed Groups, there is no acquiescence that limitations expressed therein are applicable to the elected Group XI. The elected Group XI, as proposed by applicants, satisfies all the requirement for unity of invention under PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2

With the election of Group XI, the compounds encompassed can be expressed by the following formula:



All compounds share a common chemical structure, viz. a bridged bicycloalkane geminally substituted with a phenyl group and a quinolinylmethoxy substituted phenyl group, which occupies a large portion of their structure. A common structure is therefore present, and since all compounds are said to possess the same utility they are of a similar nature. Accordingly, the requirement of a technical interrelationship and the same or corresponding special technical features in finding unity of invention is met. Applicants are entitled to having the entire Group XI examined in one application, and respectfully urge that the examiner reconsider and restore the scope of the elected group XI.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 2, 4, 5, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for containing the phrase "having structural formula." Claims 2, 4 and 21 have been amended to rewrite the phrase as "of structural formula."

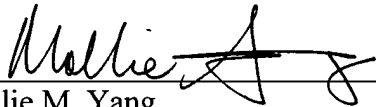
Objections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 16 and 20-24 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. These claims will be amended to delete non-elected subject matter once the scope of the elected group has been finally determined.

The examiner points out that the declaration is defective for missing the mailing address of each inventor. To correct this error applicants submit herewith a supplemental application data sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.67(a)(3); the mailing address of each inventor is now listed. The objection is therefore now moot.

Having addressed all of the outstanding objections and rejections, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the application.

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